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Evening Brief

Date: Thursday July 6, 2018

Weather Summary

***** Isolated dry thunderstorms continue on Saturday over central and northeast Utah and also spread into far eastern NV. Storms will develop over southeast Utah but may begin to produce precipitation. Dry thunderstorms will continue over western Utah and central NV Sunday before spreading further north into northwest UT/northeast NV and southeast Idaho on Monday.*** Storms will moisten up across southeast/eastern Utah beginning on Sunday**

***** Gusty Winds with Low RH Return Saturday/Sunday to northwest Nevada *****

A strong area of high pressure is building over the central U.S. for increasing temperatures regionwide. Maximum temperatures will be 10-12 degrees above normal with highs near 100 degrees across central and northern valleys through early next week.

Subtropical moisture is moving into the Great Basin around this ridge for increasing thunderstorm coverage over most of Utah and far eastern Nevada through the weekend and into early next week. These storms will begin dry before transitioning to wet by day 2 or 3 of the event. Storms will spread into central/western Nevada sometime midweek next week.

Preparedness Levels & Great Basin Fire Activity (from WFDSS)

Great Basin	3	Light Initial Attack Activity
National	3	New Fires and Acres: 15 fires for 129.3 acres; 78,837 acres large fire growth

Great Basin Fuel Status [interactive link](#) (Use Edge, Chrome or Firefox browsers)

Fuels and Fire Behavior advisories have been issued for [Nevada](#) and [Utah](#)

Percent of PSAs 80th percentile and above = 55%

Sagebrush live fuel moisture values are near record lows for the time of year over eastern and southern Utah and a small area of far western Idaho. Elsewhere across the geographic area the sagebrush live fuel moisture values are closer to normal or even above normal for early July, but have peaked and are on the downward trend rapidly due to recent hot/dry weather.

Fire danger values have increased to above the **97th percentile** once again over almost all of southern/central/eastern Utah and above the **80th-90th percentile** over southern/eastern Nevada into northern Utah. These ERCs in most of southern, central and eastern Utah are near or above record levels for the time of year, with ERCs in eastern Nevada beginning to approach record levels for the time of year in some areas.

The significant carryover fuels from 2017 in western/northern NV into parts of southern ID/western UT, along with rapidly drying new grass growth will be the main contributing factors to fire spread throughout early July until the sagebrush fuel moisture drops to critical levels.

Resources

Crews committed within the geographic area

- 22 IHCs on 7 separate incidents
- 42 T2IAs on 10 separate incidents

Aviation committed within the geographic area

103 Aircraft within the Great Basin

- 4 CL 415s
- 4 LATs
- 1 VLAT
- 23 SEATs

Jetload of T2IA Crews arriving 7/7 – 3 will go to Dollar Ridge and 2 will go to Martin

4 Additional T2 Crews on order

Wharton's National Buying Team Assigned to Dollar Ridge

Current Incident Details

Today's Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. Of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
**Ditch Creek	State	0.1	Out 07/05/18	38.47288	109.1463	NO
Blue Gulch	BLM	45	Controlled 07/06/18	42.63844	115.0561	FWS-OCC
Taylor Flat	BLM	0.1	Out 07/06/18	38.55875	109.1315	NO
Blue Lakes	BLM	0.4	Controlled 07/06/18	42.6161	114.4601	NO
Pine Canyon	State	0.1	Not Contained	41.15416	111.5237	PHMA
Bridge	BLM	15	Not Contained	42.13187	113.3485	FWS-OCC
Dolly	BLM	0.1	Controlled 07/06/18	40.41347	114.51813	NO
Soldier	USFS	0.3	Not Contained	40.14845	111.0547	PHMA
South Pond	BLM	0.1	Not Contained	39.05834	111.7053	NO
West Canyon	State	0.1	Contained 07/06/18	41.047	111.3064	PHMA
Pipe Springs	BIA/Tribal	0.1	Not Contained	36.96139	112.5662	NO
Center Lake	BLM	0.7	Controlled 07/06/18	42.87981	113.8963	FWS-OCC
Trash	BLM	0.1	Controlled 07/06/18	38.81686	111.9013	NO
Sand Hollow	BLM	0.1	Not Contained	38.21531	112.7155	NO
Long	USFS	0.1	Out 07/06/18	44.94632	116.1644	NO
Dairy Canyon	USFS	0.1	Not Contained	39.76387	111.1992	FWS-PAC
Iron Mountain	BLM	96	Not Contained	39.33905	119.4471	NO
Lee Springs	State	0.1	Not Contained	38.1563	112.5975	FWS-PAC

****fires occurred previous night, not previously reported**

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)